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southeastern Nebraska but it is...the funds are coming from the Recreation Road Funds to provide access to the state park, but (interruption).

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Schmit, why would you say it was designed for southeastern Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I guess if I were to say that...

SENATOR HABERMAN: That is what you said, that it was designed for southeastern Nebraska.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, the last time I looked Mahoney State Park was in southeastern Nebraska.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So it is specifically designed...

SENATOR SCHMIT: It also makes access more available to the Platte River State Park, also.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Do I have to put an amendment on this bill to get some money for Lake Mahoney or Lake Big Mac?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, you could do it, I suppose. As Senator Withem suggested, maybe we can declare something out there another area. I think, Senator Haberman, that with the exception of the three areas near North Platte, there are 13 miles between interchanges. This is a 12 mile space. It is the fourth longest area on the interstate system without an access, and I think it was probably planned at one time, just wasn't put in then.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, thank you, Senator Schmit. That is all, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I am not from southeast Nebraska but I am going to support this bill because I think we need it. What is the use of developing all these state parks and new recreational areas if we don't have a good road to them? And so I think it will benefit not only those in southeast Nebraska, but I think it will benefit us all across our great state, and this is what we need. We need